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TO THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PDEV, RH, XA, TZ, UK
SUBJECT: CALL BY THE TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

1. TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER MET WITH ME THIS MORNING AT HIS REQUEST. HE REPEATED HIS PRESIDENT'S DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE OWEN MEETING WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS CONFRONTATIONAL IN ATMOSPHERE DUE TO THE UNFORTUNATE BACKGROUND OF EVENTS. HE SAID THAT IN THEIR MEETING WITH OWEN THE UK VIEW ON THE ROLE OF THE RHODESIAN ARMY DURING TRANSITION WAS DIFFERENT FROM HIS UNDERSTANDING WITH YOU.

I RECALLED FOR HIM THAT THE GREATER PART OF YOUR DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE ZIMBABWE ARMY AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND THAT HIS PRESIDENT HAD RECOGNIZED NEED FOR TOTAL AUTHORITY IN RESIDENT COMMISSIONER DURING TRANSITION. I RECALLED THE UNDERSTANDING OF PRIMARY RELIANCE ON POLICE FOR LOCAL ORDER AND THE PROVISION FOR A CEASEFIRE BETWEEN THE DEFENSE FORCE AND THE LIBERATION ARMY. THE UN REPRESENTATIVE AND RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WOULD HAVE TO BE FREE TO CALL ON ELEMENTS OF RHODESIAN ARMY AND LIBERATION ARMIES TO SUPPLEMENT THE UN FORCE AND WOULD
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TRAIN THE CORE OF THE FUTURE ZIMBABWE ARMY. EVEN DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD, THE RHODESIAN ARMY WOULD BE PURGED OF SPECIAL UNITS SUCH AS SELOUS SCOUTS, SPECIAL BRANCH, RHODESIAN LIGHT INFANTRY, AND SPECIAL AIR SERVICE.

2. I TOLD THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT WE HOPED HIS PRESIDENT WOULD CONVENE THE MEETING OF THE FRONT LINE STATES

AND THAT ANY AMBIGUITIES OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS COULD BE RAISED AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVED IN SUCH A MEETING. WITH OWEN AND ANDY YOUNG WORKING TOGETHER THERE WOULD BE LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT OUR COMMON POSITION ON THE PLAN. I EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND UK POSITIONS.

3. HE SAID THAT NYERERE INTENDS TO CALL FOR THE MEETING AND WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE CARTER MESSAGE ON THE BASIS OF UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND THE PRESIDENT. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPTIMISM ABOUT OUR EFFORTS.

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